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Applicant: YAMAGIWA, Toshio

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For:

SHOCK ABSORBER FOR A TWO-WHEELED VEHICLE

LETTER

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

July 31, 2002 0505-1073P

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

Country JAPAN

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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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